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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-4216(b), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (1), and by adding the following language as new subdivisions:

(2)(A) Written policies and procedures developed by a local and county board of education may include a zero tolerance policy for:

(i) Possession of firearms, except where the firearm is used or is to be used as part of an authorized program at the local school under the direct supervision of a responsible adult;

(ii) The use or threatened use of any item as a weapon to injure another person;

(iii) Possession of any other item formally identified by the local board of education as contraband not allowed on school property or at school events or activities.

(B) Under such policies and procedures, local school boards shall prepare a list of items of illegal contraband which shall subject a student to disciplinary measures in accordance with subdivision (3) if a student possesses such items on school property or at school events or activities. This list shall be presented to each student and mailed to the student's parent(s) or guardian at the beginning of each school year. If the student enters the school system after the beginning of the school year, the list shall presented

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to each student and the student's parent(s) or guardian upon entering the school system.

(C) The written policies and procedures should also include the range of disciplinary measures which may be imposed for violations of the zero tolerance policies. A student violating the policies relative to possession of firearms and to the use or threatened use of any item as a weapon shall be subject to expulsion. Such policies and procedures may provide disciplinary measures in accordance with subdivision (3) for the first offense of possessing contraband on school property or at school events or activities. Further under such written policies and procedures no student shall be expelled for the first offense of possessing contraband.

(3) Such policies and procedures may provide disciplinary measures for a student which may include, but do not require, suspension for no more than four (4) days for a first violation of possessing contraband and additional disciplinary measures for subsequent violations. Students and faculty members should be involved in developing and administering the disciplinary measures. Prior to imposing any suspension for a first violation, a conference must be held between school personnel as designated in the policy and procedures and the student and the student's parent(s) or guardian to explain the potential consequences of any future violations.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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